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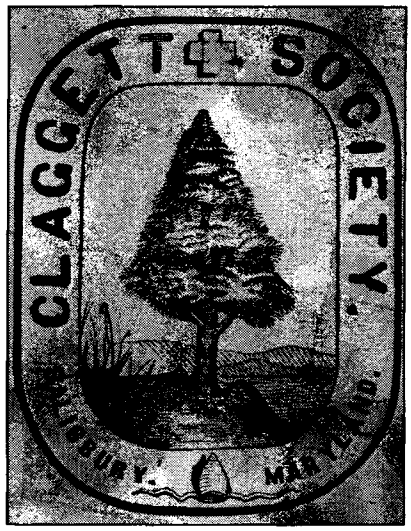
Mystery Logo: Claggett Society of Salisbury Part II

By James Edward Jensen



Logo by Henry Louis Stephens (1824-1882), a Philadelphia native, prolific artist and political cartoonist.

Following our request for Nabb Center member insight on the mysterious Claggett Society of Salisbury, MD, board member Bert Thornton of Burkittsville, MD, contacted Mary Klein, archivist at the Diocese of Maryland. Klein, an alumna of SU and spouse of a former rector at St. Andrew's in Princess Anne, graciously sent the Nabb Center a copy of an original 1847 letter after a conversation with Nabb Director Becky Miller. With this letter, from Reverend William Augustus White to Right Reverend W.R. Whittingham, D.D., our questions were answered with a single document—what a pleasant surprise. Within this letter Reverend White wrote:

> "Complying with the spirit of the request you made of me last fall. I write to inform you, that we are about organizing a society in this vicinity, to be called "The Claggett Society of Salisbury. Maryland." – the object of which Institution is, to promote Christian Knowledge & the faith of the Protestant Episcopal Ch: – 1st by an Annual Course of Lectures from various Clergymen of the History of the Church. &c. 2nd by a Religious Library. 3rd by the purchase or publication and distribution of sermons, tracts and treatises. The library will probably be the most important means of usefulness. – Donations are solicited from churchmen at large. & members pay regularly each month any sum they may designate. The Directors must approve all books before they are placed on the shelves. & all publications before they are issued. –"
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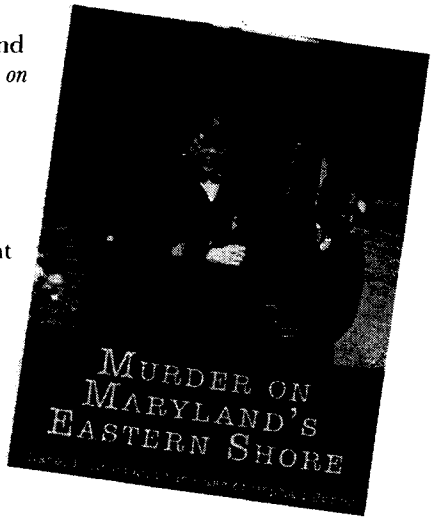
> Spring Hill Parish
> Salisbury: Md.
> Mch. 8th 1847

Murder on Maryland's Eastern Shore: Race, Politics and the Case of Orphan Jones



Joseph E. Moore, former Worcester County, MD, State's Attorney and Nabb board member, lectures on his recently published book *Murder on Maryland's Eastern Shore: Race, Politics and the Case of Orphan Jones*. His book explores the racially charged case of Euel Lee, alias Orphan Jones, an African-American worker accused of murdering his white employer and family in Worcester County, and the Depression-era politics surrounding his trial.

The lecture is sponsored by the Teaching American History grant collaboration of the Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture, Salisbury University, and the Wicomico County Board of Education.

The lecture is at Salisbury University, Devilbiss Hall Room 123, 2 p.m. Thursday, June 29, and is free and open to the public.

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Announcement

The Nabb Center's lobby now features a sales rack for the publications of The Family Tree Bookshop, displaying a selection of Eastern Shore records abstracted by Leslie and Neil Keddie. Currently the Somerset County, Maryland, wills series is available with 19 titles covering the years 1675-1855. Through the generous donation made by Nabb Center member Neil Keddie and his wife, Leslie, the Nabb Center will receive a portion of the sales from these titles which are all priced at $14—remember: "We're History Without You!"

Book Sale!

The Littleton Heritage, by Matthew Wise, is an extremely well-documented book that would be of interest to many members of historically Eastern Shore families. This 527-page, hard-back volume has chapters on the following families: Bell, Denwood, Eyre, Fassitt, Gilliss, Littleton, Long, Roach, Robins, Savage, Tazewell, Tingle, Purnell, Waters, Whittington, Wilson, Winder and the Ephraim Wilson family. All of the families documented within the book are traced back to royal lines, such as the Magna Carta barrons Henry de Bohun, Richard de Clare and Roger Blood, as well as Brian Boru, King of Ireland, 1002-1014, Henry I, King of France, Charlemagne, William the Conqueror and many other recognizable names in history. Also included is a comprehensive 20-page index. Originally listed at the price of $35.99, we are now offering this unique volume for only $19.99 (plus $3 shipping/handling and 5 percent sales tax if mailed within the state of Maryland). Don't miss this chance to possess a great resource at a great price. It's definitely a "Wise" investment!

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